

LENT 2025

THE
HARDEST
PART

hurt we carry, _____ hope we find

Wisdom!

March 30, 2025

Welcome

to Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church

We seek to offer an inclusive and welcoming community to all those hoping to grow an intentional life of faith. We strive to share the Good News of God's love through ministries of care and compassion, working for justice and peace both in our community and around the world. As a congregation affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), we affirm the dignity and belovedness of all people and welcome the gifts of every person into the life and ministry of the Church.

Notes About Our Worship Service:

- An asterisk denotes standing— in body or spirit.
- Bold text means the congregation is invited to speak aloud together.
- Notes in the margins are included to provide background and increase understanding of our service.
- Children are fully welcome in worship. Please do not worry if your child makes noise or gets the wiggles! They are an important part of our church community. Wiggle bags and books are available just outside the entrance to the sanctuary. The nursery is open for children ages 3 and under during worship. After the Time with Young Disciples kindergarten and under may leave for activities. The room to the left of the pulpit is a cry/wiggle room for when children or caregivers need to move around or have a good cry.
- Our congregation is committed to using expansive and inclusive language for God and God's people. While an element of worship may use language that assigns a particular gender to God, we strive to maintain a balance so that God's fullness might be honored.
- For our early and non-readers, icons are provided throughout the bulletin to include their participation. We suggest you encourage children to follow along using these icons throughout the service.



SPEAKING



SCRIPTURE



MUSIC



PRAY



BAPTISM



COMMUNION



OFFERING



LISTEN

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
Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025

THE GATHERING


 WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Christine Coy Fohr
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**


 OPENING VOLUNTARY *O Traurigkeit, o Herzeleid* Johannes Brahms

 *CALL TO WORSHIP Katherine Kupar
Come, let us gather in the presence of God,
who is always at work in our lives.
**We come with our burdens and our hopes,
seeking wisdom and renewal.**
In Christ, we are made new.
The old has passed away; the new has come.
Let us worship God,
who transforms us and calls us to new beginnings.


 *HYMN 515 *I Come with Joy* DOVE OF PEACE


 CALL TO CONFESSION Jim Hubert

 PRAYER OF CONFESSION
**Merciful God, we confess that we have not always lived as new
creations. We have held onto old hurts and failed to embrace the
new life you offer. Forgive us for our lack of wisdom and our
reluctance to change. Help us to see others and ourselves through
your eyes. Guide us to live as ambassadors of reconciliation, that in
our living, we would point to your unending love.**
Silence is kept for personal prayer.

 POURING OF THE WATERS REMINISCENT OF BAPTISM
Remember your baptism and be thankful!

 WORDS OF ASSURANCE

 *SUNG RESPONSE (HYMN 692) WILD MOUNTAIN THYME
*Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.*

 *PASSING OF THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

The season of Lent is a time for growth in faith — through prayer, spiritual discipline, and self-examination in preparation for Easter. In ancient Christian practice, Lent was a time of preparation for the celebration of baptism at Easter. In many churches, it remains a time to equip and nurture candidates for baptism or confirmation, and for the whole community of faith to reflect deeply on the theme of discipleship.

Our Lenten theme this year The Hardest Part: hurt we carry, hope we find explores what it is to sit in the sorrowful, hurtful, hardest parts of our lives and allow God to meet us there.

When we “remember our baptisms”, we are not just invited to remember the moment we were baptized (which might not have happened yet or which most can’t remember), but to remember the grace of God that surrounds us, made known most profoundly through the waters of baptism.



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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Christine Coy Fohr

THE WORD



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kathy Williams



THE FIRST READING

Psalms 32:1-6

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
While I kept silent, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.
Therefore let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.



The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



THE SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! All this is from God, who reconciled us through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ the world was fully reconciled again to God, not counting our trespasses against us, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making an appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that by this means we might become the righteousness of God.



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SERMON

Katherine Kubar

"For Paul, living in community is different than it was before Christ, because Christ's death is a transformative event for every aspect of life. It is the most significant of all before-and-after experiences because it has transformed everyone and everything (Romans 8)." (Kate Bowler)

☞) *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

☞) INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Christine Coy Fohr

The Special Offering today is for the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

🎵 OFFERTORY *Write Your Blessed Name Upon My Heart* K. Lee Scott
Chancel Choir

🎵 *DOXOLOGY (Hymn 607) OLD HUNDREDTH
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all peoples here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

THE EUCHARIST

☞) INVITATION TO THE TABLE Christine Coy Fohr and Katherine Kupar

☞) GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

☞) BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Communion elements consist of gluten-free bread and grape juice.

☞) PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The offering token is a way to demonstrate some kind of offering you will make this week.




To give your offering online, simply scan the QR Code below.



The Table of Christ is the table for all. Whether old or young, longtime member or first-time visitor, know that you are welcome at Christ's table.

In Lent, we are receiving communion by intinction (dipping bread into a common cup). If you prefer to receive the communion elements individually, they will be brought to you in your pew.

THE SENDING

	*HYMN 774	<i>There Is Now a New Creation</i>	STUTTGART
	*CHARGE AND BENECTION		Katherine Kubar
	**CLOSING VOLUNTARY	Postlude on <i>Attende Domino</i>	Hasse

***Just as the Opening Voluntary prepares us for worship, the Closing Voluntary is a part of the service designed to send us forth with God's blessing to serve. You are welcome to remain seated during the Closing Voluntary. If you choose to leave, please do so in an orderly manner, waiting until you are in the Foyer to enjoy fellowship with one another.*

Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Christine Coy Fohr, Pastor
Rev. Katherine Kubar, Associate Pastor for Discipleship
Renata DeWees, Director of Youth Ministries (6th — 12th)
Kristy Hubert, Co-Coordinator of Pastoral Care
Rev. Jim Hubert, Co-Coordinator of Pastoral Care
Larry Brandenburg, Minister of Music
Tim Baker, Organist/Assistant Director of Music
Beth Brandenburg, Director of Children's Choir
Julie Rousseau, Nursery & Parents' Day Out Director
Amy Squires, Harvey Browne Preschool Director
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THE SESSION

Moderator: Rev. Christine Coy Fohr

Clerk of Session: Anne Hughes

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Jim Boswell, Congregational Life
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Kim Harrod, Worship & Music
Kevin Gilman, Outreach Ministry
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What a gift to have new stoles designed and created by church member, Kit Tossman. Here is Kit's description about the designs:



I have heard Lent referred to as a journey. The gray shapes indicate paths or roads; on Jim's stole (left) the path is a series of steep inclines, on Christine's (middle) it's a winding road, and Katherine's (right) has switch backs. Everyone's journey is different. The paths start out rough and dark and then become smoother and lighter toward the top. The purple tones start out dark at the bottom and then turn into lighter shades toward the top, toward the end of the journey - Easter.

Thank you, Kit, for sharing your incredible gifts with Harvey Browne!

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